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SUBJ: TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY - CODE OF CONDUCT-GROUP B MEETING IN PARIS SEPTEMBER 23-24

- 1. PARIS MEETING ON SE,T. 23-24 IS DESIGNED TO BEGIN GROUP B COORDINATION PROCESS IN PREPARATION FOR UNCTAD MEETING OF NOV. 8-20 ON CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.
- 2. IN ORDER THAT GROUP B MAKE MOST PRODUCTIVE POSSIBLE USE OF MEETING, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT PARIS MEETING:

A) UPON WHAT PREMISE WILL GROUP B ENTER INTO NEGOTIATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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I.E. WILL GROUP B ASSUME (I) THAT G-77 WILL EVENTUALLY

VOTE TO TURN CODE INTO A TREATY AND THEREFORE, WHILE MAINTAINING POSITION THAT ONLY VOLUNTARY CODE IS ACCEPTABLE, GROUP B WILL NEGOTIATE AS THOUGH CODE WILL BE TREATY, OR (II) CAN GROUP B BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN NEGOTIATIONS ON PREMISE THAT THEY ARE NEGOTIATING VOLUNTARY CODE AND WILL NOT ACCEDE TO ANY TREATY THAT G-77 MAY DERIVE FROM CODE?

- B) WILL GROUP B ACCEPT USE OF WORDS "SHALL" OR "WILL" IN CODE, OR INSIST THAT "SHOULD" IS ONLY ACCEPTABLE WORD CONSISTENT WITH VOLUNTARY NATURE OF CODE?

 C) TO WHAT EXTENT SHOULD GROUP B REVISE ITS OWN DRAFT PRIOR TO NOVEMBER MEETING?
- D) DOES GROUP B FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTIPLE DRAFTING GROUPS DURING COURSE OF NOVEMBER MEETING OR ONLY ONE SUCH GROUP?

3. ACTION REQUESTED:

PLEASE BRING ABOVE ISSUES TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE GROUP B REPS AT EARLIEST CONVENIENT TIME AND REQUEST THAT THEY ENDEAVOR TO HAVE AT LEAST PRELIMINARY POSITIONS READY FOR DISCUSSION AT PARIS. AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, YOU MAY ADVISE GROUP B MEMBERS THAT TENTATIVE U.S. VIEWS -- STILL SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION -- ARE A) THAT GROUP B SHOULD OPENLY STATE THAT IT IS NEGOTIATING ON ASSUMPTION THAT CODE WILL BE VOLUNTARY; B) THAT ONLY "SHOULD" IS ACCEPTABLE; C) THAT GROUP B SHOULD AT LEAST EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF MODIFYING ITS DRAFT BUT THAT NOTHING DEFINITIVE SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED BEFORE WE SEE RESULTS OF G-77 OCTOBER MEETING IN MEXICO ON CODE; AND D) NUMBER OF GROUPS SHOULD BE KEPT AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE.

- 4. SHOULD OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES HAVE ADDITIONAL ISSUES THEY WISH TO DISCUSS ON PARIS, PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
- 5. FURTHER ACTION REQUESTED:

PLEASE APPROACH MONTGOMERY OF CANADA ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TO INQUIRE AS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN SELECTION OF GROUP B LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COORDINATOR FOR WORKING GROUP ON CODE OF CONDUCT. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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